Providing computers to schools under MPLADS

3509. SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleaed to state:

(a) the names and addresses of the schools, district-wise, which have been provided with computers as on 30th June, 2001, under MP Local Area Development Scheme;

(b) the names and addresses of the schools, district-wise, which are utilising these computers as on 30th June, 2001;

(c) whether in large number of cases these computers are lying unutilised since their receipt due to non-availability of qualified trained staff in these schools to impart training of software to students;

(d) whether Government propose to take immediate action in the matter to save these software from dust and other atmospheric damage; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) and (b) The details about the names and addresses of schools to whom the computers have been sanctioned under the MPLAD Scheme, and how those computers are functioning, are available at the district-level. The Ministry does not have the staff to maintain details of this nature.

(c) to (e) Under the MPLAD Scheme, the funds are released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation to the District heads who implement the Scheme for creation of durable assets which are available to the public at large. The District Heads sanction computers for Government and Government-aided Schools under the Scheme. According to the Guidelines on Implementation of Electronic Projects under the MPLAD Scheme, the Schools, to which the computers are provided, should ensure the facilities like a dust-free room, furniture for the computer room, electric fittings, services of at least one teacher for the coordination of the computer programme.